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Governor Jan Brewer Announces Appointments Of Superior Court Clerks in Navajo and Yuma Counties

Phoenix – Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today announced the appointment of Valerie Wyant to serve as the Clerk of the Superior Court for Navajo County, and Jeffrey Mangis to serve as the Clerk of the Superior Court in Yuma County.

Valerie Wyant has served as Chief Deputy Clerk of Superior Court in Navajo County since January of this year, managing a staff of twenty-three county employees. She has also been responsible for Navajo County's role in the implementation of a new case management system designed to enhance the efficiency of the Court system. Prior to her time as Chief Deputy, she spent an additional ten years in the Clerk's Office working in various capacities including as a payment clerk, courtroom clerk and courtroom clerk supervisor.

"It is an honor to appoint Valerie Wyant as Clerk of the Superior Court for Navajo County," stated Governor Brewer. "Miss Wyant has numerous years of experience in the Clerk's Office during which time she has built an excellent rapport with the judges, attorneys and staff throughout the community and county. I am confident she will serve the citizens of Navajo County very well."

This appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Juanita Mann, who began her career with the Clerk's office in 1972, and has served admirably as the Clerk of the Superior Court of Navajo County since 1994. "I want to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Mann for her thirty-seven years of service and dedication to the citizens of Navajo County," said Governor Brewer.

Jeffrey Mangis has served as Chief Deputy Clerk of Superior Court in Yuma County since 2003, overseeing personnel matters, budget preparation, expenditures, and automation projects. Prior to his time as Chief Deputy, Mr. Mangis was employed by the Yuma County Attorney's Office, spending time in both the Civil and Criminal Divisions, performing trial preparation and trial court assistance duties for all major felony trials. Mr. Mangis also received the Arizona Judicial Branch 2007 Achievement Award from the Arizona Supreme Court for his effort in implementing the Courttools pilot project in Yuma County.

“Jeffrey Mangis will serve as an excellent Clerk of Superior Court for Yuma County,” stated Governor Brewer. “Mr. Mangis clearly possesses the knowledge and experience to transition seamlessly into the vital role of Clerk of the Superior Court. I am confident he will serve the people of Yuma County with efficiency, effectiveness and honor.”

This appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Beverly Frame, who has worked in the Clerk’s Office for forty years, and has served admirably as the Clerk of the Superior Court of Yuma County since 1990. “I want to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Frame for her many years of service and dedication to the citizens of Yuma County,” said Governor Brewer.

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